

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May18, 2020**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Blackwell, Callahan, Kellis, Kosem and Mosley.

A. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Callahan asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Callahan requested the addition of Item I – Cameron Avenue Drainage.

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the addition of Item I. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve with the addition of item I. All were in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of April 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
2. Minutes of April 20, 2020 Special Called Meeting
3. Minutes of May 4, 2020 Special Called Meeting

C. Police Report for April, 2020.

Chief Beck stated RMS was down therefore he was not able to present the call report for the month. He stated there had been a few domestic cases and B&E's being investigated. Commissioner Callahan asked if there were any updates on the bank robberies. Chief Beck gave a brief update and said they were still working with the FBI regarding the truck.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

E. Police Car Purchase:

Chief Beck informed the commissioners he was able to get a deal through the State Surplus Property Agency for three patrol cars. The purchase would have to be made June 1, 2020. He requested permission to purchase the vehicles for a total of \$19,500. The purchase of cars was being requested in the 2020/2021 FY budget. Due to the uncertainty of the times and the condition of the 2012

chargers and the 2008 Crown Vic he felt funding for this purchase was immediate. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to approve the purchase of the new police cars. All were in favor. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment transferring funds from General Fund for \$19,500 to Capital Outlay Greater than \$5,000 for \$19,500. All were in favor.

F. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the contract to lease 2 office copiers and 1 printer for Town Clerk and police department. All were in favor.

G. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to approve the estimate from AirRich to replace heat pump / air handler for the community room. All were in favor

H. After review and considerable discussion regarding the requested 2020/2021 FY Budget Commissioner Kosem made a recommendation and motion to accept the presented requested budget. The recommendation specifically included: salaries requested by Chief Beck and Town Administrator, Mabel Walden, increase in salary for Timothy Brewer to \$40,000 per year, take home truck for Mr. Brewer, two percent COLA for police officers, two percent anniversary increase for all employees, increase in garbage rates of seventy-five cents per cart per month and no increase in property taxes. All were in favor. This recommendation was not an approval of the budget.

I. Commissioner Callahan stated he wanted to inform the board he had been contacted by some residents on Cameron Avenue regarding drainage issues. He met with them and has spoken to the developers, Allan Casavant and Colin Webster. At this time there has not been an agreement made between the homeowners and developers about repairing the problems. Commissioner Callahan read Section B of the town cluster development ordinance and section 402.6 of the subdivision ordinance. He stated the developers talked about digging ditches and expect the town to contribute to the cost of the repairs. More discussions will be held on this matter. Commissioner Callahan asked the Town Clerk to provide him with contact information for Mr. Lawyer from NCDEQ.

Discussion Topics:

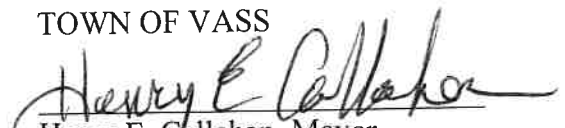
The town clerk informed the board she omitted the memorandum from Attorney Morphis regarding the Timmons Group project on Main Street provided in their board packets from the agenda. Mayor Callahan asked if anyone had any questions on the memorandum and asked for a motion to approve it. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to approve the memorandum. All were in favor.

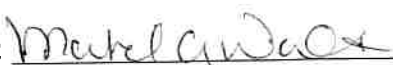
Commissioner Kellis asked if the board had a chance to review an email, he forwarded from RULAC outlining potential funding due to COVID 19. At this time no one had a chance to review the email.

Adjournment

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS


Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Mabel A. Walden, Town Clerk